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REFERENCE: (A) BRUSSELS 8097, JULY 15, 1977

(B) STATE 169891, JULY 20, 1977

1. THE POINTS RAISED IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS ARE
SUMMARIZED BELOW. SECRETARY BERGLAND AND VICE-PRESIDENT
GUNDELACH ALSO HAD PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH THEY
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WERE JOINED LATER BY STR STRAUSS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT
THESE DEALT PRIMARILY WITH THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL
CONCERNS THAT EACH WAS FACING WITH RESPECT TO AGRICULTURE
AND TRADE. THE MORE DETAILED CONSULTATIONS THAT TOOK
PLACE JULY 15-16 AMONG EC, STR, USDA, AND STATE
REPRESENTATIVES ARE DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE B.

2. MR. GUNDELACH AGREED TO NOVEMBER 1 SUBMISSION OF REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONS THAT MIGHT APPLY TO ANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT. INSOFAR AS SUCH REQUESTS CONCERNED PRODUCTS COVERED IN THE GRAINS, MEAT, OR DAIRY SUBGROUPS, THE EC EXPLICITLY AGREED TO ACCEPT SUCH REQUESTS BUT INDICATED THAT ITS RESPONSE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE EC MANDATE THAT THESE PRODUCTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE SUBGROUPS. ANY REQUEST NOT SATISFACTORILY DEALT WITH

IN THE SUBGROUPS' WORK, REMAINS ON THE TABLE. THE BASIC COMMUNITY APPROACH TO THE BASIC GRAINS, MEAT, OR DAIRY PRODUCTS IS ONE OF SEEKING COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS OR DISCIPLINES. IN GENERAL, MR. GUNDELACH AFFIRMED THE COMMUNITY'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE AS LONG AS THEY ARE SEPARATE FROM THOSE ON INDUSTRY, WITH AGRICULTURE INCORPORATED INTO THE OVERALL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE END.

3. MR. GUNDELACH SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY IS PROCEEDING IN LONDON ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WORK WILL BE FOLDED INTO THE MTN IN THE END. HE ALSO SAID THAT A STABILIZATION AGREEMENT FOR WHEAT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT FROM THE EC'S POINT-OF-VIEW AND THAT OTHER GRAINS SHOULD ALSO BE DEALT WITH IN A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT. HE SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS OPEN AS TO THE FORM THE AGREEMENTS CONCERNING OTHER GRAINS MIGHT TAKE.

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4. SECRETARY BERGLAND CONFIRMED THE U.S. DECISION TO NEGOTIATE AGRICULTURE IN PARALLEL WITH INDUSTRY AND TO ATTEMPT TO CONTAIN DISPUTES OVER MINOR ISSUES SO AS TO GET ON WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT FOR THE UNITED STATES, TOO, THE MMTN FOR GRAINS CANNOT END WITH WHEAT. HE SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MEETING WORLD FOOD NEEDS AND OF CHANGES BEING SOUGHT IN PL 480 TO USE FOOD AID AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOL NOT DEPENDENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF CCC STOCKS. THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO BE KNOWN AS A DEPENDABLE SUPPLIER BUT CANNOT BE THE WORLD'S STOCKHOLDER. CHRISTOPHER

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